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**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. ANGL-06602

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Toranto *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/976,872  
Filed: October 12, 2001  
Entitled: **ANALYTE DETECTION**

Group No.: 1641  
Examiner: Deborah Davis

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED  
AUGUST 23, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dated: <u>October 23, 2002</u>	By: <u>Mary Ellen Waite</u> Mary Ellen Waite

Sir or Madam:

The following communication is in response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2002, in the above-referenced application. As the pending Office Action set a one month shortened statutory period for Applicants' response, the Applicants submit a petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the instant Office Action.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims: 28-73.